

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The truss bridge group is located in the Van Loon Wildlife Area along the McGilvray Bottoms Road. The wildlife area contains over 4,000 acres of land--much of it former farmland--along and through the Black River and its backwaters in northern La Crosse County. The purpose of the area is to provide put-and-take pheasant hunting and to provide an area for fishing and for waterfowl, upland game, and deer hunting near the La Crosse population center. The roadway is now open only to pedestrian traffic.

The six bridges that constitute this group are numbered one to six, with Bridge #1 being the most easterly and Bridge #6 the most westerly. All five of the bowstring bridges were constructed in 1891-1892 by the Clinton Bridge Company of Clinton, Iowa; all are made of steel from the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company; and the tension members of each bridge are a combination of round and square eye-bars with the eyes made by looping over and welding the end of the bar. The wood king post bridge was built in 1920 by the Clinton Bridge Company to replace a flood-damaged bowstring arch bridge.

Bridge #1 is a double span bowstring arch truss bridge 17 feet wide and 134 feet in length, with one mid-span support and a wooden deck. Bridge #2 is a double span bowstring arch truss bridge 17 feet wide and 141 feet in length, with a mid-span support and a concrete deck. Bridge #3 is a single span bowstring arch truss bridge 17 feet wide and 110 feet in length, with two center supports and a wooden deck. Bridge #4 is a double span bowstring arch truss bridge 17 feet wide and 131 feet in length, with mid-span support and a concrete deck. Bridge #5 is a kingpost bridge 17 feet wide and 65 feet in length, with two center supports and a wooden deck. Bridge #6 is a bowstring arch truss bridge 17 feet wide and 50 feet in length, with a wooden deck.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.744

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UTM REFERENCES Quadrangle Name: Galesville, Wis. Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

ridge #1	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,5</u> <u>6,4,0</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>3,6,0</u>	#2	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,5</u> <u>4,1,0</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>3,8,0</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
#3	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,5</u> <u>1,1,5</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>4,0,5</u>	#4	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,4</u> <u>6,1,0</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>6,0,0</u>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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Bridge #5	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,3</u> <u>9,3,0</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>6,1,5</u>
Bridge #6	<u>1,5</u>	<u>63,3</u> <u>3,9,5</u>	<u>4,8</u> <u>7,5</u> <u>6,8,0</u>

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Marks, Preservation Assistant, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Henry

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

10/16/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce

DATE

2/27/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Justin J. O'Connell*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2/25/80

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Van Loon Wildlife Area Truss Bridge Group, La Crosse County, Wisconsin
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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER below PAGE 1

9. Proceedings of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, 1886, 1887, 1891, 1892, 1918-1920

The Record, Onalaska, Wisconsin, February 25, 1892

Wagner, Doris B., McGilvray's Ferry (St. Mary's College Press, Winona, MN, 1976)
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Interdepartmental Memo, Mark A. Riebau
to Raymond E. Kyro, La Crosse Station, November 4, 1976

10. Verbal Boundary Description

The six bridges located in that part of the SW-NW Section 23; SE-NE, SW-NE, SE-NW, SW-NW Section 22; SE-NE, NE-NE, SW-NE, NW-NE of Section 21 T18N-R8W, Town of Holland, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

More fully described by the following defined centerline. Commencing at the SE Corner of the SW1/4 - NW 1/4 Section 23, N18N-R8W thence S84°30'W 437.0 feet, thence N 1°30'E 66.0 feet to the point of beginning. Thence N 88°30' W 1,898.8 feet to the beginning of a 10 degree curve concaved to the Northwest and having a radius of 573.7 feet, thence along said curve 225.0', thence N 66°00'W 403.5 feet to the beginning of an eight degree curve concaved to the northwest and having a radius of 716.8 feet, thence along said curve 227.1 feet, thence N47°50'W 221.7 feet to the beginning of a 20 degree curve concaved to the southeast and having a radius of 287.9 feet, thence along said curve 232.5 feet, thence S85°40'W 1,916.4 to the beginning of a 4 degree curve concaved to the northwest and having a radius of 1,432.7 feet, thence along said curve 187.5', thence N86°50'W 2,058.3 feet to the beginning of a 5 degree curve concave to the Northwest and having a radius of 955.4 feet, thence along said curve 120.0', thence N80°50'W 72.1 feet, thence S85°10'W 859.8 feet to the beginning of a 6 degree curve concaved to the southwest and having a radius of 955.4 feet, thence along said curve 229.2 feet, thence S71°25'W 479.5 feet to the end, this portion to be 50 feet wide, 25 feet lying on either side of said centerline.

11. George C. Brown, Historian, Historic Preservation Division

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